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THE ORGANIST.

I wonder how the organist Can do so many things; He's getting ready long before The choir stands up and sings; He's pressing buttons, pushing stops;

He's pulling here and there,

And testing all the working parts

While listening to the prayer. He runs a mighty big machine, It's full of funny things: A mass of boxes, pipes and tubes, And sticks and slats and strings;

There's little whistles for a cent, n rows and rows and rows; I'll bet there's twenty miles of tubes As large as garden hose.

There's scores as round as stovepipes and There's lots so big and wide, That several little boys I know Could play around inside; From little bits of piccolos That hardly make a toot. There's every size up to the great

Big elevator chute. The organist knows every one, And how they ought to go; He makes them rumble like a storm, Or plays them sweet and low; At times you think them very near; At times they're soaring high, Like angel voices singing far

Off somewhere in the sky.

A military band.

For he can take this structure hat's As big as any house, And make it squeak as softly as A tiny little mouse; And then he'll jerk out something with A movement of the hand. And make you think you're listening to

He plays it with his fingers and plays it with his toes, And if he really wanted to He'd play it with his nose; He's sliding up and down the bench, He's working with his knees,

He's dancing round with both his feet As lively as you please. I always like to take a seat Where I can see him go: He's better than a sermon, and He does me good, I know; I like the life and movement and I like to hear him play; He is the most exciting thing

Making Nanette Happy.

In town on Sabbath day.

-George W. Stevens, in Toledo Times.

BY ELLA WHEELER WILCOX.

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THE first time he saw her he was ten from school with his books strapped | the world, whose whole happiness lay | Do you not know this to be true?" over his shoulder when the shrill in his society. What more could a scream of a child fell on his ear, a man ask? scream full of angry pain and rebelstems and tossed into a bowl of water. a pursed up spot of crimson where the mouth should be, and two doubled ing the air, while the small feet sereams of the child had mingled the woman in cap and apron, who appeared to be the child's nurse.

"No, no, Nanette must not pull the poor kitty's tail, it is very naughty." said the woman, "it hurts the pussy body on the ground and beat the verse, and it will render me a better death to both of us. We meant never earth with her tiny heels, shrieking hostess and a more popular guest." at the top of her voice: "I wants titythe beautiful babe's grief was too much for Master Albert Orton's tender heart. He sprang forward and to the audience." seized the unsuspecting cat in his ery any more. Albert will hold the

After that Albert and Nanette were the greatest friends imaginable. He hastened home from school to play with her, and there was no sacrifice on his part too great to make for the least whim. She might pound a rock the well to hear them "chuck" against She was a most destructive child, and seemed never content until she they rebelled at having their playthings destroyed, and as years passed and destructive, she clung more and ette happy at all costs. more to Albert as a companion and They had been married four years

kitty while you play with it."

sired.

cated in a convent, and then there was and then Albert joined her and they a year of travel about the continent. returned at the expiration of another satisfying herself with the thought During this time Nanette was thrown | six weeks. with a party of American people, and became engaged to Sylvester Camer-

good wife. But Nanette's witching face and ap- maturer life. But he could not under- he cried, "thank God she is coming pasling eyes carried the day, and stand the new phase of her. She was back to me."

Meanwhile Nanette's mother stipu- which she had no explanation.

ing nuptials a rumor reached their us to-morrow."

She neither ate nor slept, and she evident pleasure. to sever. Since she had not hesitated her lips.

wife. Mr. Sylvester Cameron was re- his breast. ported as taking a rapid-transit voy-

ette was happy and that was, as it else better? Is that it? e+e+e+e+e+e+e+e+e+e+e bert's heart.

happiness. Even the rather elaborate choly sort of pleasure, he watching

wail of a cat and the voice of a of the young husand's life was when ments are wholly the result of phystake lesons in the art in order to be able to "recite" for her friends.

"You see, I do not sing or play well cat in question sprang on the garden any entertainment. I never had any test?" fence ready to make its escape into musical talent. This makes me a sort the street, and this augmented the of nobody in society. Nearly every grief of the small maiden to the ut- woman I know does something. Now, most limit. She threw her pretty it is easy to learn to recite bits of and when I came away it was like

tat-I wants tity-tat." The sight of cite verses well," Albert suggested. so he followed me. And pow it is of practice. Badly done it is torture but a child when I married you- I

arms, leaped the garden fence like a incapable of doing it well I will not love of my life for this man-God help young deer, and kneeling by Nanette disgrace you by any attempts," cried him, God help him." he said soothingly: "Here, baby, here | Nanette with a flood of angry tears, is the kitten for you. Don't cry, don't which Albert mistook for tears of wounded feeling, and hastened to dry pallor that overspread her husband's with tender words of praise, and love, face, the look of a wounded animal and Nanette began her lessons in elocution the next day.

a proud, sensitive and loving man, downward on a Turkish divan in a who is obliged to witness some ungratification of the small damsel's worthy and crude performance of the woman he adores, and to watch her rose the picture of that May morning with his slate, toss his marbles into flattered acceptance of the insincere when he had seen her for the first "bravos" which change into ridicule time, and he could recall with amusthe water, mix mud pies in his Sun- as soon as her back is turned. Nan- ing distinctness the droll little patch day hat, break his hoop and lose his ette was young, beautiful, vivacious, of black on the face of the white bat, and there was never a word of an agreeable converser, and univer- cat which he had caught and given to complaint from his lips. To make sally admired. Yet she was not con-Nanette happy was his chief desire. tent with these charms which a gen- make her happy. He recalled, too, erous nature had bestowed, and needs vividly, the reproving glances of the must attempt to shine in a role to old nurse, who stood by him in sihad ruined every toy she touched, which she was wholly unfitted. lence. whether her own or another's. As a Meanwhile Albert felt obliged to close consequence she was most unpopular his lips and restrain the honest critiwith the children of her own age; cisms of her attempt at "elocution" because he knew such criticisms would make her angry and unhappy, by and Nanette grew more imperious and he had resolved to render Nan-

playmate, because he alone allowed when Nanette decided to take a trip her the man whom she said she loved her to have and do whatever she de- abroad in company with her mother with the great passion of her womanand a party of ladies who were going Nanette was eight and Albert 16 into southern Italy. The journey when he was sent away to college. came at a time when it was not possi-She wept so violently at the separa- ble for Albert to go; his heart was tion that Albert would have relin- wrenched at the thought of the quished the project of acquiring an separation of months which must eneducation had he been his own mas- sue, but other wives went abroad and it would be quietly granted. Albert's Nine years elapsed before they met | must not ask his wife to sacrifice such | arrange that. Nanette accepted the again. Nanette's father died and her a pleasure since she considered it one. sacrifice as she had accepted all oth-

After that she went abroad every year for a period of three or four a dependent upon rich relatives, Mrs. that Nanette was not happy. They you will-you were always so good-

Mrs. Sylvester gave her blessing with restless, petulent, silent, distrait, and often indulged in fits of weeping, for

lated that the marriage should not | And then, suddenly, one day, he take place until a year had passed. found her smiling, radiant and full They returned to their American of happy excitement. "Oh, Albert," home to prepare for the occasion, and she cried, "what do you think! Sigfound Albert Orton back from col- nor Giovanni, the Italian artist whom lege, settled in the practice of law I told you I sat to for head of Maand winning laurels as an orator. | donna, has come to America and has Before the right occasion seemed opened a studio only a few blocks to present itself in which to inform away from us. He called this afterthe young man of Nanette's approach- noon, and I asked him to dine with

ears of Mr. Orton's engagement to a A strange chill passed over Albert young woman who he had met while as he listened; why, he could not tell. in college, a daughter of one of the "Some one is walking over my grave," he said to himself, and then he rallied This bit of news seemed to produce and entered into his wife's plans for an extraordinary effect upon Nanette. the entertainment of the guest with

passed hours in violent weeping. It | Signor Giovanni was a young man was only in the presence of Albert, of 27, romantic in appearance, and who called daily, that she showed the bearing a striking resemblance to the least interest or pleasure in life. famous "head of a Neapolitan boy." Finally she broke into tears one day Nanette seemed transported by his when he was calling, and a climax presence, and yet, deep-seated as was was reached. She vowed that she had the desire of Albert's life to see her always loved Albert and no one else, happy, the sight of this new phase of and that the thought of his marrying her nature struck an icy chill to his another woman was bitterer than heart. But of all roles he most dedeath. Her own entanglement she tested that of a jealous husband. It spoke of as a foolish mistake, and was one he could never condescend surprised her mother by the an- to play. He would be cordiality itself nouncement that she had already to Signor Giovanni, and tenderness itbroken from it and had returned Mr. self to Nanette, and all would be well. Cameron's ring! As the weeks Surely Nanette could not feel more passed by, Nanette's condition be- than a passing fancy for this mancame alarming, and she seemed on the sort of ideal fancy which many the verge of nervous collapse. Al- sentimental women entertain for a bert's sympathies were constantly foreign artist of any description. So worked upon, his vanity flattered and the weeks slipped away into months, his old romantic affection for his and Signor Giovanni was a constant early playmate revived, with the ad- caller at the house. And then one ditional elements of passionate admi- day in the early summer, when the ration of the young girl's beauty of town people were getting ready to fly person. He argued to himself that away to the seashore, the country or Nanette's claim came first, and that foreign lands, Albert surprised his the tie between them was too sacred wife in tears, with a letter pressed to

to break a later engagement he ought He stood silent and pale before her not to show less moral courage. He for a few moments. Her expression could not see her suffer as she was passed from guilty surprise to defievidently suffering, when a single ance, then to shame before the solemn word from him would restore her to sorrow and rebuke of his kind eyes. happiness. So he wrote to his She covered her face and fell to wild fiancee and asked for a release from weeping, while Albert sat down and his promise of marriage, and three passed his arms gently about her months later he made Nanette his swaying figure, and drew her head to

"There, there, little one," he said, age to the dogs about that time and soothingly, "be calm, and tell Albert the professor's daughter died of spinal all about it. Has he not always been meningitis the next year, but Nan- your best friend? You love some one

always had been, the chief aim of Al- A new access of tears and sobs was the only reply. The pallor of Al-During the first two years she bert's face grew ghastly, but his clasp seemed absolutely happy in his love upon his wife's form only tightened years old and she two. Her par- and companionship, and life was a and he stroked her golden hair softly. ents had taken possession of the house paradise to Albert. He was growing There was a long silence and then he next door to his own home only the in his profession, he was making and spoke again. "Nanette, from the hour previous week. It was a warm May saving money, and he had the sweet- I first saw you the one desire of my afternoon and he was coming home est and most domestic little wife in heart has been to make you happy.

She bowed her head silently. still retain that desire," he continued, Then came a change. Nanette "If you have found that you love some lious grief. He turned in the direc- wanted a larger house, more servants one else better than you love me; if tion of the sound, and saw a vision of and a carriage. Of course, Albert some one else is more necessary to childish loveliness-a tangle of golden gratified these desires, since he only your happiness than I am, surely I will hair, two great eyes swimming in valued his increasing fortune as a not be an obstacle in your way. Only tears like pansies plucked from their means of contributing to Nanette's I want you to be very sure you are not lities demanded by the French law have making a mistake. We mortals are and to him tiresome entertainments such complicated creatures we cannot which she grew fond of giving in her always trust our own emotions, fists, the size of pink rosebuds, beat- new house afforded Albert a melan- Would it not be well for you and Signor Giovanni to try a year of separastamped in violent rage. With the her enjoyment of the role of hostess. tion to test the durability of your Perhaps one of the hardest trials sentiments? Sometimes these attach-Nanette developed a passion for elo- ical magnetism. If you can remain cution, and announced her desire to apart until the current which your self-the infatuation dies a natural death and you awake as from a fever and makes her sick." Just then the enough," she said, "to give my friends dream. Had you not better make the

"But we did make it, and it was no use," cried Nanette, "We loved each other the moment we met last year, to meet again; but he could not bear "But it is not easy to learn to re- the separation-it was killing him, and "It requires a talent and a vast deal worse than ever. Oh, Albert, I was did not know my own mind. Now 1 "Oh, very well, if you think I am am a woman, and I know I feel the

So absorbed was she in her own sorrow that she never saw the ghastly which came into his kind eyes. It was only of her own suffering she Then came the period of torture for thought; and she threw herself face paroxvism of tears. Before Albert's vision as he stood gazing at her there Nanette to assuage her grief, and

Well, 23 years had gone since that May morning-23 years devoted in the main to the same effort-the effort to make Nanette happy, and this was rifice to make the sacrifice of his own hopes and happiness. He must pass out of Nanette's life, and give hood. Even that could be done, must

be done, to secure her happiness. It was all understood between then when they went abroad. After year's time had elapsed she was make her application for divorce, and Nanette was absent three months, ers, rejoicing in the thought that sleewas to have what she wanted-and

that Albert's calm meant content. Ten years later a man with snow white hair and a seamed and furrowed on, a young man of fine family and months, and her husband found the face, sat in his lonely room and opened fortune. Perhaps the evident desire consequent expense too great to feel with trembling hands a letter bearon Mrs. Sylvester's part that her son justified in sharing the homeward ing a foreign postmark. There were should devote himself to a certain journey. So he patiently awaited her but a few lines in the letter and they Miss Dorris in the party was one great return, finding contentment in the ran thus: "Dear Albert: I am all cause in hastening Nanette's betroth- thought that Nanette was happy. But alone—deserted—poor—ill, and unal. Miss Dorris was a very sweet girl, one day, when she returned from her happy. Will you come and take me sensible and earnest, and, although fourth sojourn abroad, he discovered home to die in your arms? I know Sylvester's mother eyes read the wom- had been married eight years, and and this is the only happiness life has an heart in her breast and knew that the husband thought he understood now to offer your poor Nanette." The she possessed all the requisites for a his wife, playmate of his childhood, man broke into wild sobs—the first of the comrade and companion of his a lifetime of repression. "Thank God,"

SENTIMENT AS TO OLD SIGNS.

Many Westherworn Boards Retained Without Change in Spite of Changes in Firm Names.

People who think that there is no sentiment in commercial life need only wander about any of the old business centers of New York to have their belief changed. They will see old signs, some of them in a state of decay almost bordering on dissolution, on the walls of the houses of the older firms, says the

Sun of that city. In some instances these signs remain even though the name of the firm has been changed. In cases in which sons have succeeded to the business, many of the old signs of the firm which established the business are still to be seen. Many are weatherworn, and the lettering almost indistinct; but the present firms do not permit them to be re-

Occasionally the boards split, and the edges break. These ravages are repaired for safety's sake, but the

dim outlines of the lettering remain. A sign writer who had been called to repair one of these ancient landmarks in Greenwich street, asked the head of the firm, who represents the third generation in the concern, if he should not regild the letters.

"Certainly not," was the answer. "If I consented to your doing that I should expect the business of this firm to fail."

In some cases in which new names have succeeded to the business old signs have been removed from the outer walls and placed inside. In an office in a Broadway store there is founder of the firm, who is at the head of the business.

"I couldn't think of leaving the old sign out of doors at night," said the young man, who looked at it with a extra ten pounds, and he never knew glow of pride. "I have heard my father say that when that sign was first put up by his father all the merchants in this part of the town came over and looked at it, and admired it, and my grandfather gave them a dinner on account of it. If I ever go out of business that sign goes to my house."

There is an old sign over the main entrance to the office of an old conno connection with the firm doing business in the place, but the firm has steadfastly declined to have it removed although the old firm went out of existence nearly 50 years ago

SOME MARRIAGE DANGERS.

Requirements of the Code in Different Countries Conflict in Very Many Respects.

It will astonish many people to be told that a marriage contracted in England between an Englishwoman in a church here, is not necessarily binding, unless the needful formalbeen complied with by the husband, says the Humanitarian.

The English marriage binds the wife, at least in England; but the Frenchman may, should he desire to do so, release himself from all obligations by returning to his own land, where, should he not have complied with the requirements of the French code, he is in a position to make another marriage which shall be lawful -the contract with the Englishwoman being null and void.

Under such circumstances it may be useful to explain what the French code demands of Frenchmen who wish to contract legal marriages with natives of another country.

First, should a Frenchman be under the age of 25, he must obtain the consent of his parents in a document signed before a notary public. Unless he obtain this consent, he cannot contract a legal marriage at all.

Should he wish to marry between the age of 25 and 30, he must still ask the consent of his parents by making what is called the "acte respectueux" three times at stated intervals. After he is 30 he must still repeat the request for parental permission to marry; but need only wait one month before contracting a mar-

Nor is the matter entirely disposed of so. The banns must be published; first, in the town hall nearest the place in which he may be living, if in France, or at the nearest French consulate should he be living abroad. Secondly, at the office of the mayor of the town in which he was last domiciled in France. Thirdly, in the town where his parents are domiciled, if he is under 25 years of age.

Ah Sin's Ways.

To a Chinaman the idea that judge should take bribes seems as natural as that a duck should take to the water. And yet the Chinaman will not, unless he knows he is on the right track, brutally push his bribe under the judge's nose. Either he or one of his countrymen will from the judge's arrival have rendered him good service. Does the judge want a gardener or a cook? Ah Sin soon provides an excellent one who never asks for his wages. Have some visitors arrived at the alcaldia? Ah Sin sends in a dozen chickens, a turkey and the best fruits. Is it the judge's name day? The wily Celestial presents a few cases of wine and boxes of fine cigars. Is the roof of the alcaldia leaking? A couple of Chinese carpenters will set it right without sending in a bill for it. Then, having prepared the way, should Ah Sin be summoned before the alcalde. he may confidently hope that his patron will not hurriedly give judgment against him, and that he will probably get a full opportunity to present substantial reasons why the suit should be decided in his favor .--"Inhabitants of the Philippines."

Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman holds one of the proudest records of the commons. He has held his sent without a break for almost a generation. Patrick O'Brien holds a distine Thumb of the house, standing four feet three inches in his shoes. It is | women. one of his namesakes-J. P. X. O'Briez -who has distinguished himself by and quartered .- St. James Gazette, that I shall come .- Boston Transcript, ord.

PITH AND POINT.

"I'm about tired lookin" for a job." "Wot ye goin' to do?" "Oh, I guess I" have to go to work."-Indianapolis

A public official should be appointed whose duty it would be to yell "Whoa!" at certain people every once in awhile. -Atchison Globe.

Office Boy-"Goin' ter de ball games dis seezun?" Second Office Bov-"Naw. de boss knows I ain't got enny relashuns ter git sick er die."-Ohio State

Man is a contrary animal. Call him a sad dog and he will look knowingly and feel flattered; but call him a miserable puppy, and he will immediately show his teeth.-Chicago Daily

She said she loves botany. They

were wandering through Horticultural hall. "And where do they keep the electric plants?" she asked. He was too shocked to reply.-Philadelphia Times.

"My, the house looks changed some way," said the woman who had moved out a months or two before, and returned to make a call and see what kind of furniture the new tenants had. cleaned it up."-Boston Gazette.

Willie Borem (entertaining his sister's caller)-"Do you like baseball very much, Mr. Jamaica?" Mr. Jamaica-"I never played ball much. I enjoy golf-" Willie Borem (disappointedly)-"Why, I heard pa tell Susan you were a great catch!"-Brooklyn | tration tender. Since Gen. Funston

One on Him.-Hardware Dealer-"What was old Krankey kicking about?" Clerk-"He wanted ten pounds an old wooden sign suspended over | of nails. Said he'd pay for them and the desk of the grandson of the take them home himself. Wouldn't trust us to deliver them, he said." Hardware Dealer-"Surly old codger. I hope he'll sweat for it." Clerk--"Oh, I took care of that. I :threw in an it."-Philadelphia Press.

BIRD LEGGINGS.

Such as Are Worn by the Swiftest Mail Carriers in the World.

The pigeons that conduct the novel mail service between Auckland and Great Barrier island, New Zealand, at cern in William street which has all times when on duty wear leggings. This, the only part of the bird's uniform, is necessary in order that the tissue paper, on which the messages are written, might be kept dry when carried in bad weather.

When the miniature mail is being made up the letters are folded and the end sealed with a stamp. These tiny packages are then attached to the bird's legs, and the leggings put

on, says the Cincinnati Enquirer. Only one message was for some little time carried by each bird after the Great Barrier Pigeon Agency Postal Service was instituted about four years ago, when the charge was 50 cents each message. So successful, however, was this new means of communication, that business increased rapidly, the more so after the postage was reduced to 25 cents, and now some of the fleet little messengers carry as many as four letters.

This unique mail service has no rival in speed, nor is its "dispatch" limited to fixed hours and minutes. At any moment a message may be received the little carrier is in waiting; another moment the missives are attached, the leggings-which are made of waterproof material-put on. and then in another instant the 60

miles journey is set out upon. On arrival the birds place their heads between two light wires, raise these on their shoulders, and walk forward into an inclosure two feet square. The wires, falling back on a piece of metal, sound an alarm, and notify an attendant, who removes

the message. Having traversed so long a distance, especially in rough weather, these postal delivery birds heartily enjoy the plenty of good food always awaiting them. They also appear greatly pleased to have a well-earned rest after their leggings have been taken

Robber Crept in with Wolves.

For sheer melodrama the English ewel robber Houghton's arrest would be hard to beat. After his last big diamond theft, which occurred a few days ago, he was traced to West Bromwich, and thence led the detectives a dance over the country. At last, when the pursuers were hard on his heels, he dashed into a traveling menagerie, which was exhibiting just outside Birmingham. There he found one of the attendants fastening up a van cage containing a pair of large gray wolves. He flung the man on one side and opened the cage, shutting himself in with the beasts, and daring anyone to fetch him out. The strange thing was that the wolves, which the proprietor had always considered the most dangerous animals in the show, took no notice of the fugitive, but showed great ill temper toward the keeper and a constable, who had great difficulty in dragging Houghton out.-London

Looked Up To.

The Missionary (in surprise)-And you once visited the United States? What did you think of it? The Cannibal King-It impressed me as a nation of rubbernecks.

What led you to think that? The Cannibal King-During my sojourn there I was the star feature of a side show.-Puck.

The Missionary (coldly)-Indeed!

Cat shows do not date from more

Over the Bridge.

Mrs. Galloupe-Be sure and come, tion of another sort. He is the Tom Mr. Gibble. I promise you you shall meet, oh, quite a number of pretty

Gibble-How can I refuse you, my dear madam? It will not be for the

A COLONIAL SECRETARY.

Promoters and Syndicates "Fixing" to Get Things Under Their Control.

The reports which are proceeding from Washington regarding the fugovernment.

From time to time we have heard suggestions offered of new depart- that "beet sugar manufacture is a ments to be added to those existing, commercial success in the United and represented in the cabinet coun- States," the Press declares: cils of the president. But the only addition made to the established divisions since the foundation of the government has been that of secreary of agriculture. The elaboration of the statements of the administration officials involved in so-called the United States tariff on the chief Cuban press dispatches as to the needs of the government of the Philippines leave little doubt that there is in process of incubation a scheme to spring a new federal secretary on the "Yes," her hostess replied, "we've country and establish a new department of federal government.

The war department has now sole control of the details of administration at Manila. There is the Taft commission, of course; but up to within a few days nobody paid the slightest attention to that adminisbrought the Philippine insurection to a virtual close the Taft commission looms up into prominence, and with it the question of the enduring basis on which the conduct of the Philippine affairs shall be handled from Washington. If there is no war there can be no use for the war department in connection with the affairs tion is going to give us a good deal of the Tagalogs and the other of our political brethren in the east.

What then can be more rational than the creation of a colonial secretary? They have one in England, you know, and he is by no means a small administrative potato. If we have to indulge ourselves in the possession of colonies, we will necessarily need a colonial secretary in our business. This is evidently the covert reasoning of our rulers. They are plainly not yet in a position to show their hands; and so, the enormity of having the business of such a vast aggregation of new lands as the Philippines managed from the war department after peace has been declared is forcing itself on the official mind with terrible pressure.

While the plans are being laid for this new evolution in American constitutional government it might be worth the while of our great men at Washrection of "fixing" the supreme court by the appointment of those in whom the members of that court have a natural interest, may not prove as successful as some are disposed to anticipate. It is still among the possibilities that in spite of the promoters and their syndicates the Philippines and Porto Rico may be found to be in precisely the same constitutional classification as the Hawaiian islands, and entitled to have their governors appointed otherwise than under the exercise of the dictatorial powers conferred on the president in connection with the government of those places. -St. Paul Globe.

COERCION OF CUBA.

A Decision in Advance That the Platt Amendment Must Stand Is Evident.

Within a week the Cuban constitutional convention defeated a motion to accept the Platt amendment, but two votes out of 26 being recorded in the affirmative. Neither rancor nor haste has been displayed by the members of the convention in reaching this decisive conclusion. Every feature of the amendment was exhaustively discussed, this treatment being in strik- outing in the near future.-Albany ing contrast with the way in which the Argus. measure was hustled through the senate in the final rush of business when there was no chance to investiling her own opinion as to the best gate its merits, give the side of Cuba a | tonics for her own constitution?-N. hearing or do anything but blindly obey administration orders. The almost unanimity with which the for McKinley just as prominently in amendment was rejected and the rap- the new administration as the old. idly changing sentiment among those who have heretofore favored either a rid himself .- Concord Patriot. protectorate or annexation, cannot but be accepted as expressive of the

will of the majority. The tension is not as great as might | tests against the un-American, heartbe implied from the bitterness of the less, selfish policy of imperialism .radicals whose organ published a coarse and insulting cartoon of the president and the secretary of war, lutely control, through that influence but wherever there has been a chance and others allied with it, the repubto test the popular sentiment it has lican party, and so long as the repubpronounced against the amendment. lican party remains in charge of the A week ago the national party in San- government they will lose neither tiago, representative of the masses, passed a resolution against the de- tution. mands of this government. Even the most conservative element is insisting duced within the last six years at that the United States should at least make larger tariff concessions to the the republican press points to the island, thus giving a substantial evi- tin plate industry as one of the dence of the extreme friendliness ex- brightest achievements of the Amer-Now there is talk of the constitu-

tional convention sending to Washington a commission to consult with the president and secretary of war regarding the Platt amendment. It is not to be expected that much comfort can be had from this original try foot the bills. The people who source of the legislation objected to. There is a decision in advance that it must stand, and the one satisfaction to be hoped for is a definite construction, though this would have no binding force any more than did the memorable pledge of congress that Cuba should have absolute independence. It will be recalled in this conthan a decade and a half; dog shows nection that the administrative dehave at least an existence of three- partment urged upon both the senate eral in a trust administration and quarters of a century. The foremost and house the promptest action upon Mr. McKinley deserves credit for his European galleries contain hundreds matters involving our colonial interof pictures of dogs; there are not a ests, as it was essential to know just score of great artists who have de. where the government stood, but now voted their talents to the pictorial that we are dealing with a weaker and trol the abuses of the trusts the atrepresentations of the cat .- N. Y. dependent power of our own creation there is not the slightest hurry to enlighten it as to its status. The president will not change his plans for a sociated with the most far-reaching pleasure trip and the commission will of all the trusts, and that with the have to abide his convenience.—De- expressed approval of its promoters,

SUGAR AND IMPERIALISM. Protectionists Who Are Opposed to the Annexation of

Cuba, and Why. There seem to be some powerful influences at work against the threatture of government in the Philippines ened annexation of Cuba-and they plainly carry with them the earmarks are influences with which we are all of their administration origin. Read familiar. The New York Press, which between the lines they reveal pos- holds the record as the most passionsible changes of far-reaching signifi- ate protectionist publication in this cance in the prevailing notions as to country, if not in the world, expressthe division of powers among the es the opinion that the annexation several departments of the federal of Cuba would be fatal to our protected sugar interests. Commenting on a statement in a census bulletin

"This settles the larger part of our tropical and colonial questions. It prohi the annexation of Cuba to the United States. It bans the abhorrent bargain which the Planters' society seeks to make of the exchange of political freedom for commercial monopoly. There will be no reduction of 50 per cent. or any per cent. of products.

We can think of nothing that would do more to check the expansion movement than a decision of the supreme court that the American tariff extended throughout the length and breadth of any territory subject to the jurisdiction of this government. The fight for a tariff on imports into this country from Porto Rico was made by men interested in sugar and tobacco, who feared, not merely free trade with Porto Rico. but the probability of free trade with the Philippines. And if these gentlemen find that we cannot hold territory and at the same time maintain discriminating tariffs against the people occupying that territory, they will promptly join forces with the Boston anti-imperialists. It is, therefore, clear that the tariff quesof trouble in the work of carrying our civilizing influence around the world. We shall have to consider, not simply the welfare of the people to whom we propose to minister, and that of the people of the United States generally, but also that of those for whose benefit we so cheerfully tax ourselves. Thus the collision between our protected interests and the expansion sentiment may

have very interesting consequences. One other thought in this connection is important. Many people argue that it is not worth while to discriminate in favor of the beet sugar interest because it is so insignificant. They hold that it is not established and that it has small prospect of ever being established. Their theory is that protection should be granted only in cases where a new industry can be "created" within a reasonable ington to reflect that the little opera- time. On the other hand, we are now tions carried on some time in the di- told that the manufacture of beet. sugar is already "a commercial success in the United States." And from this the conclusion is drawn that we must protect it. Of course, we understand that the theory is that an industry may not be established strongly enough to resist foreign competition. But the time never comes when the men engaged in a protected industry will admit that it is established beyond the need of further fostering care. In the present case we have it argued that the beet sugar industry ought not to be protected because it is not established, and that it ought to be protected because it is established! We shall look forward with great pleasure to the impending struggle between the Mc-Kinley protectionists and the Me-Kinley expansionists. Out of it may come a more rational tariff system in this country, and a wise withdrawal from the attempt to govern distant. peoples who ought, as far as we are concerned, to be allowed to govern themselves .- Indianapolis News (Ind.).

COMMENTS OF THE PRESS.

-This spring's elections look as if the people are planning to give their faithful republican servants a little

-After all, isn't it quite an American trait in Cuba to insist upon hav-Y. World. -Mark Hanna is doing the talking

It may be a habit of which he cannot -The deaths, the famine, the impoverishment that prevail among the Porto Ricans are unanswerable pro-

Kansas City Times.

dividends nor sleep .- Atlanta Consti--The tin plate industry has proleast one multi-millionaire, and still ican tarin system. All of which the

opposition admits.—St. Paul Globe. -The truth of the matter is, no one knows the truth about the situation in the Philippines save those interested in exploiting the islands and making the taxpayers of this counpay the expenses are kept in ignorance by working on their partisan prejudices .- Omaha World-Herald.

-Some people criticise the president for putting a trust attorney into an office in which his chief duty will be to enforce the laws against trusts, but this is a superficial view of the subject. It would be absurd to have an anti-trust attorney genconsistency .- N. Y. Journal.

-If there is any value in the Unittorney general is the official who seems deliberately to identify the The Chicago Herald company gave government with the interests of this a trust deed of \$3,600,000. Of this alarming combination in a way that being sentenced to be hanged, drawn pretty women, however, but for you, sum \$1,500,000 is to pay for the Rec- popular opinion cannot fail to resent. -Philadelphia Times